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don't even order you to pay taxes. And there are some religions that do pay taxes. I don't know if every branch of the Mormon Church does, because they have fragmented also, but they pay taxes on real estate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This amendment brings up a subject that needs to be discussed, and if I do not bring it up, it will never be touched on by this Legislature. There used to be programs that provided scholarship aid only to religious and nonprivate and private schools, and that no longer is the case. And I had to work year, after year, after strenuous year to get it done, but it is done and nobody is the worse for it. There is more equity and fairness in the way the state administers scholarship aid. Mr. President, was that my third time on this amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's your second time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, items for the record, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir. Natural Resources will have an Executive Session underneath the north balcony now; Natural Resources, north balcony now. Mr. President, your Committee on Education reports LB 934 to General File with amendments, LB 1079 indefinitely postponed; those signed by Senator Raikes. Senator Bromm offers LR 234, Mr. President. That will be laid over. New A bill. (Read LB 986A by title for the first time.) Reference report, Mr. President. Hearing notice from Transportation and Telecommunications. Amendment by Senator Beutler to LB 906 to be printed. Senator Preister has selected LB 278 as his priority bill. And I have a communication from the university with respect to a bond issue. That will be referred to Reference, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 571-575.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with discussion of the Chambers amendment. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator